



# SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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## YEAR ROUND RECRUITING

While our Fall recruitment was hampered by COVID restrictions, the Spring is a great time to recruit new members. Plan an outdoor activity on the local school grounds or at a local park. Encourage each youth to bring a friend! Show them how much fun they could be having by joining and don't forget the applications!

## SPRING COUPON SALE ONLINE FUNDRAISER

The online fundraiser is designed to help Scouts earn their way to support their Scouting programs (e.g., day camp, summer camp). Units will earn a 35% commission on each online membership sold. There will be local and national coupons and the ability to sell memberships nation-wide. Click [here](#) to see a sampling of some of the coupon offerings.

For a demo of how the online coupons work and what coupons are available, click [here](#).

### Fundraiser Training

Due to high levels of interest, two additional virtual training opportunities will be held using Zoom at 7:00 pm on [Wednesday, February 10](#) and on [Tuesday, February 16](#).

Easy step by step instructions are [available](#). Make your own QR code using a free QR website like [www.qrcode-monkey.com](http://www.qrcode-monkey.com) or [www.the-qrcode-generator.com](http://www.the-qrcode-generator.com).

### [Power Point Instructions](#)



## SUMMER PLANNING

Now is the time to finalize those summer plans. Summer is a great time to keep our youth active and allow them to do things that are more difficult to plan when schools are in session. Be creative and plan activities that are fun, safe, and help our youth to gain new skills and grow in their leadership abilities.

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

[University of Scouting](#) is a training for leaders of all program areas to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and learning. University of Scouting has over 100 different classes, presented by some of the most experienced volunteers in the council covering leader specific training, information on how to train youth, conservation, program ideas and more. University of Scouting also offers several youth courses.

**April 5-8, 2021 (virtual evening classes)**

**April 10, 2021 (in-person classes at Camp Strake)**

University of Scouting is a semi-annual training event for leaders of all program levels, district and council leaders and parents.

Sessions are led by experienced volunteers who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the Scouts. This unique week of seminars provides information, techniques, and best practices on how to improve your Scout program. There is something for everyone! From new Scouters or parents to Scouters with many years of experience, University of Scouting has something for you!



## CALENDAR

- 2/6 Scouting for Food: Food Collection
- 2/19 Venturing Challenge
- 4/5 - 4/8 University of Scouting Virtual
- 4/10 University of Scouting In Person

## UNIT STRONG

Strong units are taking the program outside! As we approach the spring, get your youth outdoors for fun, learning, and safety. Hiking, fishing, orienteering, bicycle rodeos are just a few ways to take it outside and enjoy every minute!